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Oil Pipeline Damaged, Oil Spill Reported

BISMARCK, N.D. – A pipeline trenching operation accidentally damaged a Belle Fourche Pipeline in McKenzie County, causing approximately 300 barrels of oil to escape the pipeline, according to the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). Most of the oil was confined to the trench, and no bodies of water were affected by the spill.

All of the liquid oil has been recovered and berms have been constructed to make sure of containment in the event of rain. Repairs are underway on the pipeline. The incident happened about 10 miles south of Alexander.

McKenzie County Emergency Management and NDDoH personnel have been on the scene. Clean up efforts are being coordinated with Belle Fourche personnel.

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